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Haitian-Dominican frontier question.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

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With further reference to the recent resurgence of the old Dominican-Haitian frontier question in the columns of La Nación, as reported in the Embassy's despatches nos. 1193 of October 3 and 1197 of October 6, 1947, I have the honor to transmit herewith clippings of two editorials entitled "The Frontier Policy of President TRUJILLO" which appeared in La Nación of October 5 and 6.

The two editorials provide a review of the frontier difficulties between the two countries (caused always by Haitian pressure along the border) since the year 1679 and maintains that no successful attempt at settlement was ever made prior to the "Era of Trujillo". With Trujillo the line of demarcation was finally fixed and the only proper method of guaranteeing that line was adopted-- that of frontier colonization by the Dominicans: "To govern is to populate". The clear inference is that now the Haitians would find an effective obstacle, in the form of a settled population, to any efforts at incursion on Dominican territory. Neither editorial makes any mention of the "obstacle" of 1937.

Respectfully yours,

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Enclosures: *att.*

1. Clipping from La Nación
of October 5, 1947.
2. Clipping from La Nación
of October 6, 1947.

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cc to American Embassy, Port-au-Prince.

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